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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Klaus STEINHAUSER, Christian POPP and
Serial no. : Peter SCHIELE
For : METHOD FOR INCREASING THE SPONTANEITY
OF OVERLAPPING SHIFTING OPERATIONS IN AN
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
Docket : ZAHFRI P868US

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Drawings:

Please amend FIGS. 1-4 of the drawings, presently on file, as indicated in red ink on the Annotated Marked-Up Drawings accompanying the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests approval of all of the requested drawing amendments at this time. **Also please enter the enclosed new Replacement Sheets of drawings, accompanying this Submission, which incorporate all of the requested drawing amendments.**

Substitute Specification:

Accompanying this response, please find a clean form Substitute Specification, without any markings thereon, along with a copy of the previous version of the specification, i.e., a Marked-Up Specification, which shows the additions and the deletions to the previous version of the specification. The accompanying Substitute Specification does not include any new subject matter and only includes the same changes which are indicated on the accompanying Marked-Up Specification. Please enter the Substitute Specification into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 14-23 as follows.